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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of thirty-four (34) pages
- ☒ Eight (8) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-090529 filed in Japan on March 28, 2003.
 - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)

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- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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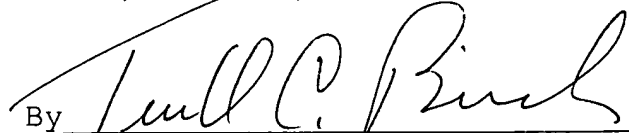
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